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GENEVA FOR USDEL CSCE

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1. INITIAL POLADS DISCUSSION SEPTEMBER 11 OF FRG DRAFT DOCUMENT ON MILITARY ASPECTS OF SECURITY (TEXT REFTEL) FOCUSED LARGELY ON TACTICAL QUESTION OF HOW AND WHEN PAPER WOULD BE USED IN GENEVA. UK REP SAID LONDON BELIEVED SOMETHING ALONG LINES OF FRG PAPER WOULD EVENTUALLY BE NEEDED FOR CIRCULATION IN GENEVA. HE ADDED, HOWEVER, THAT LONDON SAW THIS AS HAPPENING RATHER LATE IN PROCEEDINGS, EVEN IF IN MEANTIME WARSAW PACT STATES HAD COME FORWARD WITH PAPER OF THEIR OWN. IN UK VIEW, ALLIES SHOULD ATTEMPT FOCUS DISCUSSION IN GENEVA ON SPECIFIC MEASURES RATHER THAN OUTCOMES. FRG REP AGREED THAT PAPER SHOULD BE TABLED RATHER LATE IN GENEVA PROCEEDINGS, BUT ADDED THAT THIS WOULD HAVE TO BE DECIDED BY PEOPLE ON SPOT ON BASIS OF TACTICAL REQUIREMENTS.

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2. IN DISCUSSION OF TEXT PER SE, CANADIAN REP SUGGESTED THAT OPERATIVE PARA ONE IN FRG TEXT GAVE CBM'S TOO MUCH IMPORTANCE BY SPEAKING OF THEIR ROLE IN ENHANCING STABILITY AND SECURITY. HE SAID OTTAWA ALSO HAD PROBLEMS WITH PHRASE "HAVE AGREED ON"

AS THIS APPEARED GIVE CBM'S LESS VOLUNTARY CHARACTER THAN ALLIES WISHED. UK SAID LONDON DOUBTED THAT OPERATIVE PARA TWO, WITH ITS VERY VAGUE REFERENCE TO MBFR, WOULD SERVE PURPOSE ITS INCLUSION WAS INTENDED TO SERVE. U.S. REP SAID WE LIKED GENERAL APPROACH OF FRG PAPER BUT NOTED THAT PART LEFT BLANK WAS MOST IMPORTANT.

3. COMMENT: WE ASSUME THAT POLADS WILL ATTEMPT TO FILL IN BLACK SECTION IN FRG PAPER BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 18, BUT AGREEMENT WILL BE IMPOSSIBLE UNTIL QUESTION OF WHETHER MOVEMENTS SHOULD BE INCLUDED IN CBM'S IS RESOLVED. AT SEPTEMBER 18 MEETING, WE PROPOSE TO SUGGEST THAT FOR TIME BEING ALLIES LEAVE ASIDE OPERATIVE PARA ONE AND CONCENTRATE ON REST OF PAPER.
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